

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Method and apparatus for controlling consumable use in an image-rendering device. More particularly, the invention relates to a image-rendering device that facilitates the limitation of page costs of color documents by establishing a threshold cost limitation and controlling one or more colorant amounts to be used on the page to ensure that the cost limitation is met. An optional override mode may be provided, wherein a selected page or pages, or a complete document, would be rendered without implementation of the cost reduction feature.